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Dear NI and NH

Thank you for coming forward to make a statement to REDACTED, also for consent to send a copy of your statement to the South Australia Police. It would not have been easy to reflect on events in MN's life wondering if they were affected in any way by him either being abused or observing abuse. I do appreciate the time and effort you took to come forward.

From the Towards Healing document section 38.1, you will note that complaints concerning a criminal matter cannot go through the various stages of Towards Healing until I am advised by the police that I can do so. I have sent a copy to the police asking them to let me know when I can go ahead. This does not prevent me organising counselling for you if you would like this to go ahead. I will write to the Archbishop today asking him to authorise whatever counselling you need, I will also send the original statement to the Archbishop for his records.

I understand from REDACTED that she will maintain contact with you. You can also contact me if there is any way I can be of assistance. I am often hard to get hold of but I will certainly return your call if you leave your number and a preferred time for me to call you back.

With kind regards
Yours sincerelyPauline A Verity
Director
Cc Archbishop Wilson